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SUB: MAJOR PROJECTS - RAILROAD TRACK CONSTRUCTION

1. EMBOFFS CALLED ON ENG. MANSURI, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR CONSTRUCTION AND NEW PROJECTS, IRANIAN RAILROAD ORGANIZATION, TO DISCUSS STATUS OF NEW AND ONGOING PROJECTS. GOI PLANS MAJOR MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF RAILROAD NETWORK OVER NEXT FIFTEEN YEARS, BUT DUE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, PROGRAM HAS GOTTEN OFF TO SLOW START. MOST PROJECTS IN THE BOOKS HAVE BEEN IN FEASIBILITY OR DESIGN STAGES FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, AND IN CURRENT YEAR GOI INTENDS SPEND ABOUT \$180 MILLION ON CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION OF RAILROAD TRACK.

2. RAILROAD PROJECTS OUTLINED BY MANSOURI IN APPROXIMATE PRIORITY ARE:

A. TABRIZ - JOLFA DOUBLE ELECTRIFIED TRACK TURNKEY PROJECT AWARDED TECHNOEXPORT OF USSR; DESIGN COMPLETED, CONSTRUCTION PLANNED FOR CURRENT YEAR.

B. TEHRAN-BANDAR SHAHPOUR NETWORK PARTLY MODERNIZATION OF PRESENT TRACK, PARTLY CONSTRUCTION OF DOUBLE ELECTRIFIED TRACK; AWARDED TO FRENCH-GERMAN-BELGIAN-SWISS CONSORTIUM HEADED BY SPIE BATIGNOL; DESIGN NEARLY COMPLETED, CONSTRUCTION OF DOUBLE ELECTRIFIED TRACK FROM BANDAR SHAHPOUR TO AHWAZ PLANNED FOR CURRENT YEAR.

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C. BANDAR ABBAS - KERMAN DOUBLE ELECTRIFIED TRACK; DESIGNED BY

KAMPSAX; CONSTRUCTION TENDER EXPECTED IN 2 MONTHS, AND 4-5 U.S. CONTRACTORS PREQUALIFIED TO BID, INCLUDING J.A. JONES AND MORRISON KNUDSEN.

D. KERMEN-ZAHEDAN TRACK TO PROVIDE LINKAGE FOR INDIAN/PAKISTANIAN TRANSIT FREIGHT; FEASIBILITY RECENTLY AWARDED SWISS CONSULTANT AND INDIAN RAILROAD ORGANIZATION; DESIGN AWARD OPEN AND MAY BE LET LATER THIS YEAR.

E. AHWAZ-ISFAHAN DOUBLE ELECTRIFIED TRACK IN DESIGN PHASE BY CARLOTTI OF ITALY; CONSTRUCTION TENDER EXPECTED NEXT YEAR.

F. MESHAD-TEHRAN DOUBLE ELECTRIFIED TRACK; DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION AWARDED PARTS OF JAPAN; DESIGN NEARLY COMPLETED, CONSTRUCTION POSTPONED.

G. TABRIZ-TEHRAN LINE IS MOSTLY MODERNIZATION OF PRESENT TRACK; BRITISH RAIS IS UNDERTAKING FEASIBILITY AND DESIGN; CONSTRUCTION TENDER EXPECTED NEXT YEAR OR LATER.

H. QOM-ISFAHAN AND YAZ-KERMAN, MOSTLY MODERNIZATION; DESIGN COMPLETED BY DECONSULT OF GERMANY; CONSTRUCTION TENDER EXPECTED NEXT YEAR OR LATER.
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